GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1044
ANSWERED ON:23.11.2001
PROCUREMENT OF MILLET
JASWANT SINGH BISHNOI;JASWANT SINGH YADAV

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have directed Food Corporation of India to procure the millet on its support price;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether delegation of farmers from Rajasthan have given any memorandum to the Government in this respect;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the procurement of millet has started in Rajasthan;

(f) if so, since when;

(g) whether the procurement target for the millet has been achieved by the FCI;

(h) if so, the details thereof; and
(i) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PRADHAN))

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Government of India has directed the Food Corporation of India to procure one lakh tonnes of Bajra in Rajasthan jointly with the State Agencies in view of the bumper crop. The State Government will provide storage space for this purpose.

The State Government of Rajasthan would take steps to procure 30,000 MTs of Maize.

(c) & (d) : A delegation led by Shri Bhairon Singh Shekhawat, former Chief Minister of Rajasthan and some MPs including Shri Subash Maharia, Minister of State for Rural Developmentmet Union Minister of State for Food & Public Distribution on 20.10.2001 and apprised him about the distress sale of Bajra by the farmers in the State.

(e)&(f): Yes, Sir. The purchase of Bajra has commenced with effect from 1.11.2001 in Jaipur, Alwar and Jodhpur, Revenue Districts and from 5.11.2001 in remaining Districts.

(g),(h)&(i): The procurement of Bajra is in progress. During the current Kharif MarketingSeason 2001-2002, as on 20.11.2001, a quantity of 5225 tonnes of Bajra has been procured by the FCI and State Agencies.